

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1-10, 12, 13 and 15, AMEND claims 14 and 16, and ADD claims 17-20 in accordance with the following:

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image processing apparatus, the method comprising:

removably receiving a portable storage unit in a host unit;

determining whether the portable storage unit includes an execution file or an image data file; and

executing a function of the image processing apparatus corresponding to the execution file stored in the portable storage unit, if the portable storage unit stores the execution file,

wherein the execution file includes a plug-in program.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising:

recognizing the portable storage unit as a general storage medium when the portable storage unit includes no execution file or the function for the image processing apparatus is not executed.

17. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the execution file is connected to a main program, and is executed in the image processing apparatus.

18. (New) An image processing apparatus having at least one host unit removably receiving a portable storage unit for storing one of image data and an execution file, the apparatus comprising:

a detection unit detecting whether the portable storage unit is connected to the host unit, and determining whether the portable storage unit includes an execution file or an image data file when detecting the portable storage unit is connected to the host unit;

a control unit executing a function of the image processing apparatus corresponding to the execution file stored in the portable storage unit, if the detection unit detects the execution file in the portable storage unit,

wherein the execution file includes a plug-in program.

19. (New) The image forming apparatus of claim 18, wherein if the function of the image processing apparatus is not executed, or the portable storage unit does not store the execution file, the control unit recognizes the portable storage unit as a general storage medium.

20. (New) The image forming apparatus of claim 18, wherein the plug-in program is connected to a main program, and is executed in the image processing apparatus.